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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

AUBREY ET AL.

Examiner

JEFFREY A. SHAPIRO

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 13 March 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-17 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-17 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SF/ICE)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 6/2/06
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. This application currently names joint inventors. In considering patentability of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), the examiner presumes that the subject matter of the various claims was commonly owned at the time any inventions covered therein were made absent any evidence to the contrary. Applicant is advised of the obligation under 37 CFR 1.56 to point out the inventor and invention dates of each claim that was not commonly owned at the time a later invention was made in order for the examiner to consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. 103(c) and potential 35 U.S.C. 102(e), (f) or (g) prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).
3. Claims 1-6 and 8-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Heidel et al (US 6,289,261 B1) in view of Cassidy et al (US 5,615,625).

Regarding Claims 1-6 and 8-17, Heidel discloses a money operated machine (14) with removable money cassette (20).

Regarding Claims 1-2,6, 10, 12, 13, 15 Heidel does not expressly disclose, but Cassidy discloses a money cassette (20) having a rechargeable voltage source as mentioned at col. 4, lines 59-64 and col. 3, lines 32-40. A voltage source for recharging the battery is mentioned as element (92).

At the time of the invention, it would have been obvious to have used Cassidy's intelligent money cassette in Heidel's money operated device for the purpose of securing cash in the cassette and providing tracking features.

Regarding Claims 3 and 14, official notice is taken that it would have been obvious to place Cassidy's storage/transportation frames in the form of station (18) on a vehicle such as an armored truck.

Regarding Claims 4 and 9, note Cassidy's charging station (18).

Regarding Claims 5 and 16, display (72) which is connected to battery level sensor (66).

4. Claims 8, 11 and 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Grainger et al (US 5,732,812) in view of Cassidy et al (US 5,615,625).

Regarding Claims 8 and 11, Grainger discloses a money operated machine (10) with removable money cassette (27).

Regarding Claims 8, 11 and 17, Grainger does not expressly disclose, but Cassidy discloses a money cassette (20) having a rechargeable voltage source as mentioned at col. 4, lines 59-64 and col. 3, lines 32-40. A voltage source for recharging the battery is mentioned as element (92).

At the time of the invention, it would have been obvious to have used Cassidy's intelligent money cassette in Grainger's money operated parking device for the purpose of securing cash in the cassette and providing tracking features.

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to JEFFREY A. SHAPIRO whose telephone number is

(571)272-6943. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 9:00 AM-5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Patrick H. Mackey can be reached on (571)272-6916. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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/Jeffrey A. Shapiro/
Examiner, Art Unit 3653

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